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Dear Senator Byrd:

Thank you for your letter of September 25 on behalf of your constituent, [redacted] regarding the detention of Jacobo Timerman in Argentina.

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Timerman was released from house arrest on September 23 and permitted to join his family in Israel. The Argentine Supreme Court had ruled on September 17 that Mr. Timerman's detention by order of the military junta was illegal, and we assume that his release was a result of the Court's action.

The release of Mr. Timerman is clearly a positive action. At the same time, we continue to be concerned about the general human rights situation in Argentina, and will continue to encourage improvements through diplomatic channels.

Sincerely,

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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J. Brian Atwood
Assistant Secretary
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Enclosure:

Correspondence returned.

The Honorable

Harry Byrd,

United States Senate.

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